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## NARRATIVE REPORT

### I. COUNTY SITUATION

Greenlee County lends itself very well to a county-wide type of organization. The presently organized homemakers groups are located in an area of about fifty miles; and, since it is comparatively easy for the homemakers to get together, it is also easy to hold county-wide meetings as often as necessary to plan and carry out the homemaking program. The homemakers identify themselves with county extension program and give it support.

All organized groups desire to increase their membership. There are possibilities for organizing additional homemaker groups in the Clifton-Morenci area, the Duncan-Franklin area, and the northern part of the county.

The population of the county is quite stable although there seems to be quite a turnover of tenants on the small farms in the York area.

### II. EXTENSION ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING

The agent was assigned as Assistant Home Agent in Greenlee County from February 1 to July 15, 1958, when she was appointed Home Agent. Official headquarters from Feb. 1 to May 3 were in Tucson. At that time headquarters were established at Duncan.

In 1957 a two year program was set up and begun in 1958. Letters listing the second year program were sent to all homemakers asking for comments as to whether or not their needs had changed. Comments were given to club vice-presidents, who in turn presented club decisions at a county program planning meeting. The program for 1959 will include:

1. Sewing techniques
2. Re-styling clothing
3. Care & cleaning of woven floor covers
4. Placement of supplies & equipment
5. Meat cookery
  - a - low cost cuts
  - b - broiling (indoor)
  - c - young homemakers school

An office in the court house in Clifton was maintained one day each week for the convenience of homemakers in the Clifton and Morenci areas.

There are six organized clubs in the county. One of these is a new group whose membership is made up of Spanish ladies of the Clifton area. They are eager to learn and willing to give of their time and energy to receive the educational program offered by the extension service.

The Homemakers' Council of Greenlee County has as its membership all members of organized clubs. For this reason the agent has asked the Council officers and club presidents to act as an advisory group. Two regular council meetings are held each year. In the future these will be held primarily as Fall achievement day and as a Spring tea, rather than for carrying on business.

Officers for the past year were:

President	Mrs. Irene Goodnight	Morenci
Vice-President	Mrs. Edna Cospers	Duncan
Secretary	Mrs. Anna Mae Davis	Morenci
Treasurer	Mrs. Berniece Foster	Duncan
Reporter	Mrs. Bernice Park	Morenci

### III. INFORMATION PROGRAM

The agent prepares a weekly column under the heading of "This 'N' That" for the Copper Era. This column contains news of what homemaker and 4-H groups are doing as well as homemaking information.

Extension's contribution to home and family living, the scope of home demonstration work, and how it helps families were highlighted during National Home Demonstration Week.

In a special effort to reach new people, and have them actively take part in the home demonstration program, the five organized clubs in the county each gave 15 minute broadcasts on different project areas, emphasizing those in the coming year. Projects were also displayed in windows.

The week was climaxed with a county tour of homes, yards, and homemaking projects. Twenty-four women cooperated. The tour commenced at Morenci and progressed to Stargo, Plantsite, Clifton, York, and Duncan. The tour ended at the County Extension Office where the Extension Secretary explained office facilities. The publicity received from this week was instrumental in organizing one new club in the Clifton area.

As a result of National Home Demonstration Week, in May, the agent began a weekly radio broadcast featuring activities of homemaker and 4-H groups, outlook information, and information in the areas of foods, clothing, home improvement, home management, family relations and child care. These broadcasts have been well received by homemakers within the listening area. From time to time guests, including homemakers, 4-H leaders and state visitors appeared on the program.

The homemaker mailing list has been increased from 99 to approximately 450 names. This increase is due to the addition of names of 4-H leaders and parents, church groups, Duncan Women's Club, wives of ranchers in the Blue Valley and county fair exhibitors.

Timely information on county and club activities, as well as information in the areas of foods, clothing, home management, home furnishings, health and safety, were highlighted in a monthly newsletter called the Homemaker's Log.

It is through the media of radio, newspaper and newsletters that homemakers not serviced by organized groups are reached.

#### IV. HOUSE & SURROUNDINGS

75 homemakers attended four demonstrated lectures by Mr. Ernest Foster, Greenlee County Agent, on Flowers for the Yard. These demonstrations included background information on landscaping and flowers and shrubs adaptable to Greenlee County, followed by a question and answer period.

Homes in the Plantsite, Stargo and Morenci areas are owned by Phelps Dodge, but renters may landscape what space there is around the houses. The Morenci dwellings have little or no space for landscaping. Other areas in the county (Plantsite, Clifton, York, and Duncan) are endeavoring to improve the appearance of homes and grounds.

#### V. FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT

Fifty-eight women received instruction on the purchasing of woven floor coverings from nine project leaders. Miss Grace Ryan, extension home furnishings specialist, and the agent conducted a leader training meeting at which the leaders learned to identify types of woven floor coverings, ie. wools, nylon, carpet rayon, cotton, acrilan and blends; carpet and rug backing, ie. tufting, weaving; price ranges and floor

coverings to look for within each price range; and  
"three guides to wise buying:

1. Go to a reputable dealer
2. Buy a dependable brand
3. Choose the best quality your budget will allow and be sure to buy the fiber that suits your need." ( A Timely Glimpse at the Rug - Carpet Picture, by Grace Ryan)

The leaders took sample rugs apart and tested strength of weaving and tufting, counted tufts and learned how different colors are woven or sewed into the design. This same procedure was followed when the leaders returned this information to their respective groups. This information will be followed by a practical study of the care and cleaning of woven floor coverings in 1959.

#### VI. HOME MANAGEMENT

The agent presented four meetings to homemaker clubs on money management and the use of cash or credit. The demonstration began with background discussion on the use of money in the home and the management process. With discussion from the group, the price of credit was brought out. No more than 15 to 20 percent of the net income should be put on time payments. Credit should be shopped for just as well as other commodities.

#### VII. CLOTHING

A total of 110 women witnessed 7 demonstration given by the agent on sewing techniques which included:

1. Short Cuts in Sewing
  - a. organize a sewing center
  - b. "cut out" unessentials
    1. pin baste
    2. pink only when necessary
  - c. Use unit method of construction
  - d. Put in sleeve before joining under arm and bodice side seams
  - e. Put zipper in left side before sewing up right side seam
2. Putting in a zipper; neck, side and skirt.
3. Ship-N-Shore Sleeve Cuff
4. Machine Stitched Hem

Each member in attendance was given a piece of paper cut in the shape of a sleeve on which they practiced the cuff.



At the first club meeting the agent had the homemakers pin zippers in paper sewn as though it were a side seam. The majority of the women had trouble understanding what the process was. At the second club meeting the women were instructed to pin the zippers in fabric material representing a side seam. The lesson was more successful. As a result, at the other five meetings the women were given fabric to work with. At the close of each demonstration the women were invited to put the zipper in by machine. Seventeen women out of the seven meetings did so.

Reports from project leaders indicate that methods presented were used by 75% of women and information was extended to 57 additional homemakers.

Seventeen homemakers completed western shirts as a result of workshops. Two out of six leaders who received training from Miss Helen Church, clothing specialist, and the agent, conducted a 3 - day workshop on making western shirts at which eleven out of sixteen women completed shirts.

One other workshop is in the planning stage.

Training included instruction on proper fabrics for shirts, pattern alterations, trimmings, and construction. All present used Mc Call pattern number 1925 to avoid problems that would arise from the use of patterns from different companies.

"Know your Sewing Machine" training was given to nine adult leaders, one 4-H leader and two 4-H members. Approximately 100 women received instruction from these leaders. The agent presented the material to fifty-three additional homemakers.

The purpose of the training was to help women learn to use their sewing machine for things other than straight sewing and to help them learn to clean and make simple adjustments of tensions and pressure on the pressure foot.

The training included:

1. Clean around the bobbin area.
2. Adjust upper tension.
3. Tie threads by machine on inside seam.
4. Invisible finish for a dart.
5. Machine basting.

6. Invisible hemming by machine
7. Adjust pressure on foot.
8. Mending and darning.
9. Sewing on button with conventional machine.
10. Decorative stitching.
11. Applying rick-rack
12. Hemstitching

Selection of a commercial pattern, use of the pattern guide sheet, pattern alterations, selection of material, straightening of material, laying on of the pattern, cutting out, and tailor-tacking were among the methods demonstrated to the newly organized group of Spanish ladies.

The agent also demonstrated sewing techniques and "Know Your Sewing Machine" outlined above.

#### VIII. FOODS AND NUTRITION

Under the direction of Miss June Gibbs, extension nutritionist, and the agent, ten leaders were assisted in preparing a demonstration on the use of partially prepared foods. The purpose of this demonstration was:

- 1- to encourage wise use of partially prepared foods,
- 2- to properly analyze the economy, nutrition, and time element in using these products,
- 3- to stimulate a desire for producing creative foods,
- 4- to prepare various foods using partially prepared foods.

The purpose was thoroughly discussed and suggestions were given as to presentation of the meeting to the clubs. The following foods were demonstrated:

- 1- Jiffy Doughnuts
- 2- Fried Pies or Fruit Turnovers
- 3- Pizza
- 4- French Fried Hot Dogs
- 5- Fruit Crumble
- 6- Hasty Bread Pudding
- 7- California Bean Pot Pie



Reports of project leaders indicate that the 93 women who attended these meetings passed on recipes and other information to approximately 200 additional homemakers.

Ninety-five homemakers in six clubs learned of the new "Foods for Fitness" grouping of recommended daily needs as the agent demonstrated "Quick Breads for the Family".

The contribution of four servings of breads and cereals to the recommended daily allowances of an average adult was demonstrated through the use of a chart.

Cranberry bread and gingerbread up-side down cake made from a home-made mix were demonstrated to illustrate the muffin method of mixing. Arizona Christmas Bread, although a yeast bread, was shown as a good seasonal bread.

At the request of the Spanish homemakers the agent presented a lesson on canning of fruits and vegetables. The lesson included a brief history of the development of canning, equipment to be used, processes of preservation, importance of using pressure on vegetables to avoid the danger of bacteria growth, and placing of fruits and vegetables in jars. Several jars of fruits, vegetables and relishes were displayed and commented on.

Requests for information in this area included:

- wrapping meat for freezing
- cake decorating
- canning methods for vegetables and fruits
- use of the pressure cooker
- canning of meat in cans and bottles
- making of jellies
- freezing of fruits & vegetables
- use of citric acid in freezing
- recipes adjusted to this altitude
- meals adapted to all family members
- use of rancid butter
- use of green tomatoes
- etc.

#### IX. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Town and country relations were strengthened through county-wide participation in "National Home Demonstration Week.

Homemakers' Achievement Day was held in conjunction with the Fall Council Meeting. Several of the clubs made posters of projects carried during the year and displayed finished articles and products such as dresses, tableclothes, western shirts and decorated cakes. Mrs. Heaton Lunt, guest speaker, told of her tour of Europe with a B.Y.U. group.

#### X. IN SERVICE TRAINING

At the Home Agent Conference held in Flagstaff an attempt was made to formulate a method of program planning. The following should be examined and thoroughly understood before a program can be adopted that will meet the needs of the county -

1. What is there to work with?  
homes, community, resources, age groups, etc.
2. Whom will I serve?  
young, old, high income, low income
3. How can the people be helped to more fully realize their needs?  
surveys, home visits, etc.
4. What leadership needs to be developed?

Past programs reflect special interests of people rather than actual needs. The program should be geared to meet the needs of the homemaker, her neighbor, and her community.

The best method known for getting to know the people and their needs is home visits. The home visit should be used in conjunction with other methods of carrying on year-around program planning.

In discussion groups at the conclusion of the conference, the agents discussed ways and means of formulating plans for county pre-program and program planning and how to reach women outside of organized homemaker groups.

The agent was a member of a program planning committee appointed during the Home Agent's Conference to formulate a state plan from the suggestions of various discussion groups. The committee met in Tucson with Miss Jean Stewart, state leader. The recommendations of the committee were then sent to all home agents to be adapted to their county situation.

At a meat cookery and freezing workshop held in Tucson at the home of Miss June Gibbs, Extension Nutritionist, the agent examined the different wrappers and containers for freezing foods and practiced wrapping the butcher and drug store wrap methods.

Characteristics of U. S. Grades of beef, aging, buying, storing and cooking of beef were discussed. The group visited a meat packing establishment and saw the different stages of processing. The butchering, aging and cutting rooms were shown and a half beef was cut for the group to observe.

Different meat dishes were prepared by the agents under miss Gibb's supervision.

A 4-H home furnishings workshop was held on the U. of A. campus at which each of the room improvement projects was discussed at length. It was shown how the individual project requirements progress from simple to complex and how continuity of learning is developed as a boy or girl moves from one project to another.

Each agent in attendance made some article described in the second year bulletin.

Illustrative and subject material on money management were discussed at an in-service training meeting under the direction of Miss Grace Ryan, home management specialist. This information was later used to prepare a lesson on Cash or Credit which the agent presented to homemaker clubs in the county.

The agent had the opportunity to become acquainted with the Arizona 4-H program at a 4-H in - service training meeting. Plans of work for 1958 were reviewed and evaluated. Methods of developing better county programs through improved leader training and member participation were discussed. Fern Shipley, Federal Extension Service, encouraged agents to stress re-enrollment rather than enrolling for a one year period.

#### XI. JUDGING AT FAIRS

The agent assisted with judging at the Cochise and Graham County Fairs. Mrs. Faye Forehand, Clifton homemaker, also assisted with judging in Cochise County.

## XII. 4-H ACTIVITIES

Five junior leaders, the agricultural agent and home agent attended 4-H conference. The county council was in charge of decoration for the annual banquet. With the help of the junior leaders and agricultural agent, a banner reading "10th Year of Progress" was hung, and the tables were decorated with greenery, white candles and place cards.

The agent organized a Greenlee County 4-H Leader's Handbook which will be used in conjunction with the handbook recently published by the state 4-H office.

Eight 4-H members attended the Tri-County 4-H Camp held at Pine Canyon Camp in the Chiricahua Mountains. Activities included photography, staking claims, hikes, cook-out, predator control by Fish and Wildlife Service, trip to Wonderland of Rocks, and crafts.

By next summer Greenlee County hopes to have a 4-H camp of their own. There have been very few members from the county attend camp in the past. It is hoped that in the future more members will take part in a camp within their own county.

4-H judging training meetings were held in Duncan and Morenci. The agent made articles of clothing which were used with other articles brought by 4-H members. Members were assigned to bring foods to be judged. Both junior and senior members were included in these practices.

A home economics judging contest was held in conjunction with the county fair in which twenty girls participated.

Through these practices and contests the agent was able to determine weak points in member and leader training. Future training programs will have as their aim the strengthening of these points.

4-H clothing and improvement illustrative material were prepared to be displayed to prospective project members.

It is the opinion of the home agent and agricultural agent that by having illustrative material to display, more interest in projects will result.

The agent was requested to give a demonstration to the York Community 4-H Club. It was decided that demonstration methods would be emphasized by giving a sample demonstration. Information from the adult leader training meeting on partially prepared foods was used as the subject.

The agent discussed giving a demonstration, gave the sample demonstration, and had a discussion period during which the members asked questions concerning demonstrations.

Morenci 4-H Community Club, under the direction of Mrs. Cleo Scott, Stargo, organized and held a 4-H Fair in the Spring. Completed projects were displayed and cookies and punch made by foods project members were served to over 100 visitors.

Carolyn Smith, Janette Barney, Manda Moffett, Sandra Smith and Sandra Foote gave home economics demonstrations at the state 4-H Roundup.

Carolyn Smith, demonstrated fitting a pattern by measuring. Janette Barney and Manda Moffett gave a team demonstration on cinnamon rolls. A dairy-foods demonstration featuring Peach Mousse was given by Sandra Smith. Refinishing wood was the subject of Sandra Foote's demonstration.

Two team demonstrations were awarded 1st prize at the county fair. Cindy Dorsey and Kitty Holmes demonstrated shoe care. Reita McFadden and Donna Bradford demonstrated a milk drink.

One hundred-twenty-five members, parents, leaders and friends of 4-H attended the annual 4-H achievement program and pot luck dinner. With Carolyn Smith conducting, the program included musical numbers, remarks by Miss June Gibbs, extension nutritionist, on Vice-President Richard Nixon's report, "What Youth Needs Today," and presentation of awards by community 4-H leaders.

Phillip Churchfield, of the Morenci 4-H Club, was awarded a trip to 4-H Club Congress and a \$350 scholarship on Educational Achievement.

### XIII. COUNTY FAIR

The Greenlee County Fair had an increase of entries over 1957. This increase in interest is commendable. The next area for consideration is to raise the standard of products and articles entered through increased coverage of accepted standards. This will be accomplished through the press, radio, newsletter, individual and group contacts.